

Carl Township or Benawan
Lancaster County
27 March 10. - 1814.
near
New Holland.

Your letter to Elizabeth I suppose with your postscript, no name, & I only judge from the contents of hand writing, reached here on 15th March, 20. days from your hands, - It first reproaches me for not writing, I did not know whose you was, & never heard of Edisto, Isl. before, - next inquires what I have done with the horse, - I have been yet, - & remain with M. Ringwalt, on a second quarter, & have had very good success, & shall finish (25th May) - where I don't know where I shall go to, - but intend to go back to the Bluffs & pay what debts are due, intend to sell the mare, & saddle & bridle which I have got for 120. dol: in to the best advantage, without you write me that you'll return in the spring, & write too before (25th May) - Your letter was 20. days coming & of course it will be 10th before I shall receive an answer to this, - I have never had any offer for the mare, & expect I shall be compelled to sell her for less than her real value, she is very much improved & not quite so fat I wish, she does prove a very smart horse, - but was lame in her fore shoulder a long while, entirely cured, she has jumped a very high fence 5 ft. on one end & 6 ft the other, - but if you expect to return I shall by all means keep her, - she cost me for 3. weeks keeping on the first quarter 3. doll: & 2. doll for grain, - she will cost me the second, 12. doll: - I have 50. doll a quarter & found 100 - & I can't get higher wages than this, - This is the highest ²²7. 0. that is given hereabouts, & I am at a loss to know what to offer, - M. Haneyes wrote that there was some, butlers, & tailors & shoemakers of jiggers settled, I wrote him in answer that I knew nothing about them, but would discharge them in May, when come to city & sold the mare, without you write me to the contrary, for I am determined that this mare shall discharge Cooks bill for Hindmans, & also I am determined to work myself out of debt before I think of the Western country or any other, - And so you see I wait your answer, & it must be very prompt, as the distance is 700. miles.

I have taken great pains with the mare, & have fed her myself
every day, & have got a first rate saddle, price 14: doll. - thinking
that she will sell better with a nice saddle, or if you keep her yourself,
have need of one, for the cheap saddles speake a horses back, & the
well made high priced ones are the deepest, especially where we
take long rides, - This mare out walks any in the neighbourhood,
& is very swift & supple, well broke to saddle & cantering. - horses sell
best now in the spring, tho I can get ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{for} half doll. for work, or other, & have I expect
to gain the advantage. I shall answer no letters, that have no name, & remain
in fixed in the opinion, that the family ought to live without any
knowledge of me, as they have evinced such an unfeeling & unatural
disposition, more than one of turning me away from home friends
without money, into an unsettled & unwholesome country, - which idea
is confirmed by the common opinion of many transient strangers, whom
I tell, that I am going west, - & the reply is youll, bett, by
most just & makes, - & none go there, but have a small capital, from
1. to 5. thousand doll. - Without I have some appointment, I never will
go West, - & I think this might be, now there is a change of administration,
& J. Q. Adams is one of heads of department, with all the boasted
correspondence & influence of chief of the med: staff, I think some
appointment might be got for me, if proper attention was paid me.
No I will return to the city, where I shall have money enough till
I can come here again the next winter, & what with my profession & thin
& care lines, - perhaps I may get the college at Lancaster or
somewhere, - I requested Mr. Haines to inform me if he knew
of any of this kind, or a voyage to sea, - anything almost ^{than} this
of school keeping, it worries my head so much I can't bear it,
more than a few months in the year. - Betsey's intended marriage
has indeed gladdened my heart with thanks to heaven, - I wish
we were all married, & hope youll. return to the city in health
married to some of those rich planters, - youll. pass for very
stout beauty man in these States. -

Now, tis not possible I can hear from you before the first of
May, & about that time I must take a new start, — I have
had my health very good & hearty, & no Asthma since I have
stopped travelling, — this Asthma is an objection to my going
West, — I have had very good success here, & feel quite attached
to the family, — tis a fine family of boys, as I ever saw, & am
— have the same situation next winter, when work of farming
comes on, they have no school, — I had one suit, & this
with the post office, & this is the reason why I alter my
residence at the beginning of this letter, & wish you to be
very particular in sending & folding & directing your letters,
— to this other post office, — about 12 miles off — And there's
here a fine opening for a lawyer, as there were with
12: miles one way & 20: the other. —

I hope & pray for god sake you'll come back to —
for that climate will be too hot for you in the summer,
you are better acquainted here than anywhere else, — & if
we are this distance from the city, with a horse between
us, we can carry all before us, — I have obtained such
a knowledge of this state & county, as well as the neighboring
states, that I shall never beat a loss for business, — This
place & county for richness of land & excellency of farming
system exceeds any in this country, — I thus you see I
have swatched my story, I have said all I believe, & have no
news, — haven't seen a single Yankee paper since those you
sent me, — several heavy losses by death in the city,
Drachmidge, Yates, Morris, & Meris, — & that old quack
quaker you're acquainted with, I can't remember his name —
They are impending judge Franklin of this county. — A. O. Waterhouse



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Dr. J. F. Waterhouse

Care of Robert Maxwell.

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